

# CHRISTOLOGY



## **Group Discussion Guide**

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### Series Overview

- Who is Christ?
- What does Christ do?
- How do you know?
- Why does it matter?

This short series will give a brief glimpse into the answers to these questions.

### Purpose of This Guide

The primary purpose of this group guide is to reinforce and deepen the lessons of the Grace Church message series: **Christology**.

You may choose to use this guide:

- with your Grace Group
- with your family
- with any group of people interested in knowing more about Christ.

# 1-Who Christ Is

**Scripture: Colossians 1:15, 19, 2:9**

*1:15, 19 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation... For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell.*

*2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; (NKJV)*

## Icebreaker: Interviewing Christ

If you could interview Christ, what three questions would you ask Him about Himself?

## Discussion Questions

- Although **Colossians 1:15** states that Christ is the “image” of God, this wording does **not** mean He is just a symbol. He is an exact representation (**Heb 1:3** and **John 1:18**) in a form that we can see. Discuss what it might have been like for the disciples to see God by seeing Jesus.
  
- What do **John 14:9** and **John 8:58** say about Christ’s identity?
  
- Christ is the Preeminent One. Every knee will bow to Him (**Php 2:10-11**). He is fully God:
  - ▶ **Col 1:19**
  - ▶ **Col 2:9**
  - ▶ **1John 5:7**As a group, brainstorm ways to explain how Christ has a unique identity and yet is fully God. Why is understanding this important?
  
- As a group, pray that you may know Christ better (**Php 3:7-11**).

## Dig a Little Deeper: His Names

For more insight into who Christ is, consider some of His names.

| <i>Verse</i>      | <i>Christ's Name</i> |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>John 1:1</b>   | Word of God          |
| <b>John 10:11</b> | Good Shepherd        |
| <b>Heb 3:1</b>    | High Priest          |
| <b>Mat 1:23</b>   | Immanuel             |
| <b>Rom 10:13</b>  | Lord                 |
| <b>1Cor 5:7</b>   | Passover Lamb        |
| <b>Acts 5:31</b>  | Savior               |
| <b>1Cor 10:4</b>  | Rock                 |

### Application Exercise: Get to Know Him

Over the next week, consider the names of God in the “Dig a Little Deeper” section. Which of His names are most meaningful to you at this time? To which of His names do you feel least connected?

Think about a time when you clung to the fact that Jesus is your Good Shepherd, Savior, Rock (or other name). How did this knowledge carry you through the difficult time?

Pray, telling God that you want to know Him as He desires. Pledge to let go of those things that are preventing you from getting to know Him better.

## 2-What Christ Does

**Scripture: Colossians 1:16-18, 20, 2:10**

*1:16-18, 20 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may*

*have the preeminence. ... and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.*

*2:10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. (NKJV)*

### Icebreaker: Things You Do

Think about each of your roles (Christ-follower, spouse, parent, adult child, employee, leader, friend...). List some of the things you do in those roles.

### Discussion Questions

- If Jesus created all things for Himself, then He created you for Himself (**Col 1:16**). In what ways does this comfort you or concern you? For what purpose did He create you (**Rev 4:11**)?
- What can we do to be in the position of receiving the best from Him (**Col 1:17**, **Mat 7:11**, **Psa 103:13**)?
- Discuss how Christ is the head of the Church, each individual church, and each believer (**Col 1:18**).
  - ▶ If He is the head, there will be times when He corrects us for our own good. What should our view of that correction be (**Heb 12:9**)?
  - ▶ If He is the head, we can accomplish more than we imagine. What types of things could He accomplish in your life if you embrace Him as your head (**Eph 3:20**)?

■ Discuss how Jesus gives us peace with God.

- ▶ Col 1:20
- ▶ John 16:33
- ▶ Acts 10:36

In what other ways does He give us peace?

- ▶ Eph 2:15
- ▶ 2The 3:16

## Dig a Little Deeper: Our Deliverer

Using the Scripture references in the table, make a list of things Christ does as our deliverer (Col 2:10).

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| 2Cor 5:17    |
| 1Tim 4:10    |
| Luke 8:22-25 |
| 2Cor 4:7-10  |

## Application Exercise: First Place

Find a place to be alone with God. Ask Him to help you realize whether He simply has a place in your life or if He has **first place** in your life. Ask Him to help you see where you are not making Him first. Begin with one thing to change that will let Him know you are serious about your relationship with Him.



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